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FOREIGN OUTLOOK: MIDEAST MUDDLE

Is the Iran-Iraq war about to escalate again? Other events in the chaotic Middle East have pushed this war off the front pages lately, but another explosion of violence could take place any day now. Intelligence reports I've been reading emphasize the significant turn the war has taken recently, as Iraqi planes bomb Tehran, and Iranian missiles rain down on Baghdad. These attacks on civilian populations make the chances of negotiated peace more difficult.